

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Lal *et al.*

Art Unit: 1645

Application No. 09/763,397

Filed: February 16, 2001

For: RECOMBINANT MULTIVALENT MALARIAL
VACCINE AGAINST PLASMODIUM
FALCIPARUM

Examiner: Vanessa L. Ford

Date: June 11, 2002

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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This is in response to the Office action dated February 11, 2002. A three-month period for response has been set, making an answer due on or before May 11, 2002. A petition for a one-month extension of time for response accompanies this amendment, along with the appropriate fee, now making the response due on or before June 11, 2002. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to the deposit account referenced on the transmittal letter.

ELECTION

Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has made the restriction requirement final.

AMENDMENT

Please enter the following amendments in this application:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (amended) A recombinant protein comprising peptides from two or more stages in a life cycle of *Plasmodium falciparum*, wherein each peptide comprises an antigenic epitope

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